

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

June 26, 2003
9:00 a.m.

- Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio
- Absent: Mr. John C. Austin

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m..

II. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

A. Report on Consent Agenda

III. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

A. Information on the Special Education Advisory Committee Activities Report for 2002-2003

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

A. 2003-2004 Reading First – Amendment – added to agenda

B. 2002-2003 Mathematics and Science Centers – Amendment – added to agenda

- C. 2003-2004 Educators on Loan for Reading First (Round 2, Year 1) – Initial – added to agenda
- D. 2003-2004 Educators on Loan for Reading First (Round 1, Year 2) – Initial – added to agenda
- E. 2002-2003 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Program Grants – Amendment – added to agenda
- F. Report by Elevating Educational Leadership Advisory Panel – removed from agenda
- G. Report on Response to Allegations Regarding Imlay City Schools – moved from Discussion Items to the Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, Moyer, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Austin, McGuire**

The motion carried.

Mrs. McGuire joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m..

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:16 a.m..

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:16 a.m..

VII. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and guests attending the meeting. Mr. Watkins welcomed Mrs. Sue Carnell to the Board table for her first meeting as the Governor’s representative.

VIII. PRESENTATION OF DECISION MAKING RULER FROM MARQUETTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Watkins welcomed Dr. Patrick Smith, Superintendent of Marquette Public Schools, who presented to the State Board and Department a very handsome Decision Making Ruler and plaque constructed by students of the Marquette Public Schools vocational education program. Mr. Watkins said the ruler that states, “Show me how this helps teachers teach and children learn,” would be permanently displayed in the Board Room.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion on a Recommendation from the Special Education Advisory Committee to Update the State Board of Education Position Statement on Inclusive Education

The following individuals participated in the discussion:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Ms. Shari Krishnan, Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee
- Mr. Larry Simpson, Incoming Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee
- Mr. Steve Wessels, Vice Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee
- Mr. Kevin Graham, freshman, Bemis Junior High School in Utica
- Ms. Beth Graham, mother of Kevin Graham

- B. Presentation on Developmental Disabilities Council Position on Universal Education

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, Member, State Board of Education
- Dr. Lynne Tamor, Member, Developmental Disabilities Council
- Mr. Andre Robinson, Member, Developmental Disabilities Council
- Mr. Mark McWilliams, Member, Developmental Disabilities Council Education Workgroup

- C. Presentation on “Toward Universal Education: All Students Educated All Together, All The Time”

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, Member, State Board of Education

- Ms. Sylvia Kloc, Executive Director, The Arc Northwest, Wayne County
- Dr. William Miller, Superintendent, Washtenaw Intermediate School District

D. Discussion on the Special Education Advisory Committee Review of the No Child Left Behind Act for Students with Disabilities

The following individuals participated in the discussion:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Ms. Shari Krishnan, Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee
- Mr. Larry Simpson, Incoming Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m. in a Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of May 22, 2003

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of Meeting of May 22, 2003.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus
Absent: Austin, Weiser**

The motion carried.

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Mrs. Sharon Gire Appointed by Governor Granholm to be Director of Office of Services to the Aging

Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Sharon Gire, Vice President, State Board of Education, has been appointed by Governor Granholm to be the Director of the Office of Services to the Aging, and resigned from the State Board of Education effective June 4, 2003. Mrs. Straus said it is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs. Gire, and the Board members will miss her and thank

her for her dedicated service to education. Mrs. Straus said a tribute will be made to Mrs. Gire at the July 24, 2003, Board meeting.

Mrs. Straus said the By-laws of the State Board of Education state that an election will be held to fill a vacated position at the meeting following the State Board's meeting declaring the office vacated.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the Office of Vice President of the State Board of Education is declared vacant.

Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus

Absent: Austin, Weiser

The motion carried.

B. Legislative Meetings

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Curtin met individually with several Senators and Representatives on June 25 and 26, 2003, to discuss State Aid and Department Budget bills.

C. Evaluation of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mrs. Straus distributed copies of a memorandum dated June 26, 2003, detailing the Board's overall evaluation of Mr. Tom Watkins, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mrs. Straus said Board members individually evaluated and spoke with Mr. Watkins regarding his annual evaluation. Mrs. Straus said Mr. Watkins received an overall grade of A-. Mrs. Straus also read a letter from Ms. Linda Borsum, from Battle Creek, praising Mr. Watkins for his leadership as State Superintendent.

Mrs. Weiser rejoined the meeting at 1:15 p.m., via telephone.

A memorandum from Kathleen N. Straus to the State Board of Education regarding the Evaluation of Tom Watkins, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, dated June 26, 2003, is attached as Exhibit A.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Dr. Fran Sosnowsky, Chair, Department of Education Administration and Policy Studies, Wayne State University, 6050 Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202-3424. Dr. Sosnowsky offered comments regarding the State Superintendent.

- B. Mr. Sean M. McLaughlin, 636 Hillside Drive, Corunna, Michigan 48817. Mr. McLaughlin offered comments of support for the Board and State Superintendent.
- C. Ms. Karen Massaro-Mundt, 5930 East Montevista, Ft. Gratiot, Michigan 48059. Ms. Massaro-Mundt shared comments on inclusive education.
- D. Ms. Lauri Stein, 6565 Tanglewood, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546. Ms. Stein shared comments on inclusive and universal education.
- E. Ms. Carolyn Das, 35840 Smithfield Court, Farmington, Michigan 48335. Ms. Das commented on universal education, and distributed handouts.
- F. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments on No Child Left Behind and her children's school experiences. Ms. Wood also shared handouts.
- G. Ms. Gerri Allen, Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 South Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106-1406. Ms. Allen shared comments about the Michigan Department of Education's communication efforts and the Michigan School Public Relations Association.
- H. Ms. Sue Pratt, 4676 Larkwood, Kentwood, Michigan 49508. Ms. Pratt offered comments on No Child Left Behind, least restrictive environment, and the Comprehensive Parent Services System Grant authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- I. Ms. Sue Lepper, 204 John Street, Union City, Michigan 49094. Ms. Lepper shared comments on the Native American mascots and logos.
- J. Ms. Karen Schaumann, 1614 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. Ms. Schaumann offered comments on the Native American mascots and logos.

XIV. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Presentation of No Child Left Behind Award

Mr. Watkins said he accepted a Jefferson Cup that was given to all State Superintendents in the White House rose garden on June 10, 2003, in celebration of all states receiving approval of their No Child Left Behind Accountability Workbooks. Mr. Watkins presented the silver cup to Dr. Jeremy Hughes and thanked the following people who were significant in getting Michigan's Accountability Workbook approved by the United States Department of Education: Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson,

Ms. Mary Ann Chartrand, Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Mr. Paul Bielawski, and Ms. Roberta Stanley. Mr. Watkins said Ms. Linda Brown, Ms. Marilyn Roberts, Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, and Ms. Peggy Dutcher also played key roles, but were unable to attend the Board meeting.

B. Ms. Ana Cardona Receives a Fulbright Award

Mr. Watkins congratulated Ms. Ana Cardona, Fine Arts Specialist, who has been selected as a participant in the Fulbright Hays Group Program Abroad to Mexico. Ms. Cardona said she will leave for Mexico on July 22 and return in mid-August, and will be traveling with 12 educators of the arts, foreign language, and social studies. Mrs. Straus asked Ms. Cardona to share her experiences with the Board when she returns from Mexico.

XV. DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS REGARDING THE USE OF AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS AND LOGOS

The following individuals participated in the Discussion with Representatives from the Department of Civil Rights Regarding the Use of American Indian Mascots: Ms. Nanette Reynolds, Director, Department of Civil Rights; Ms. Valerie Simmons, Member, Civil Rights Commission; Ms. Donna Budnick, American Indian Affairs Specialist, Department of Civil Rights; and Mr. Larry Betz, Coordinator, Department of Civil Rights.

Ms. Reynolds said the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights first became involved in the issue of American Indian Mascots, Logos, and Nicknames in 1989 in response to complaints from parents. Ms. Reynolds said there are more than 75 schools using Indian mascot logos and names.

Ms. Simmons said similar resolutions have been adopted by Maryland, Minnesota, South Dakota, New York and the National Education Association. Ms. Simmons said the Civil Rights Commission also has the issues of Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores and drop-out rates for Michigan Indians as work topics on its agenda.

Ms. Budnick reviewed the background of the issue of the use of American Indian mascots and logos. Ms. Budnick said the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights look forward to continued collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education and the State Board of Education.

Mr. Betz discussed information contained in the “Michigan Department of Civil Rights Fact Sheet on American Indian Mascots, Logos, and Nicknames.”

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 20, 2003, regarding the Use of American Indian Mascots and Logos.

Mrs. McGuire proposed a friendly amendment to the motion that "strongly" precede the word "recommends" in the last paragraph of the proposed resolution. Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Weiser accepted the friendly amendment.

Mrs. Weiser and Mr. Watkins requested clarification of the terms "American Indian" and "Native American." Ms. Budnick said neither term is completely accurate. She said American Indian has misnomers associated with Columbus discovering America and believing it was India. Ms. Budnick said Native American also includes other groups such as people from Guam, Samoa, and the Marianas Islands. Ms. Budnick further stated that some people like to be referred to by the name of their tribe or "Anishnabe" which means original people. Ms. Budnick said there is no consensus among tribes regarding the term. Mrs. Straus said that the United States Census uses the term American Indian.

Mrs. Bauer proposed, as a friendly amendment, that an explanatory, educational footnote be added to the resolution clarifying the use of terms. Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Weiser accepted the friendly amendment.

Mr. James Farrar, representing the American Indian Movement, and National Coalition on Racism in Sports and Media, addressed the Board on the topic of racism against American Indians.

Ms. Sue Lepper, citizen from Union City, addressed the Board regarding the use of the term Native American. Ms. Lepper requested that "nicknames" be added to the resolution.

Mr. Terry Chivis, from the Huron band of Potawatomi, shared comments regarding the use of the term Native American.

Mrs. McGuire proposed a friendly amendment to add "nicknames" to the title and last paragraph of the resolution. Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Weiser accepted the friendly amendment.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Austin**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Straus asked that the Superintendent distribute the resolution to the Governor, Legislature, and school districts.

Mrs. Straus said Mr. Watkins has directed the Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind to cease the use of the “Raider” mascot.

The Resolution on the Use of American Indian Mascots, Nicknames and Logos is attached as Exhibit A.

XVI. RECESS

The Board recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m..

XVII. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION

Ms. Elaine Madigan, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Government Services and Customer Satisfaction, presented the Update on Educational Legislation.

Ms. Madigan said that the conference call with the Board subcommittee that was appointed to review legislation comprised of Mrs. Straus, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Curtin, and Mrs. McGuire, was extremely helpful. Ms. Madigan said the subcommittee discussed the following bills, and she gave an update on each bill:

- House Bill 4714 – Establish a Principals Academy
- House Bill 4716 – Short-term Teacher Certification Rules Committee
- House Bill 4719 – Distance Learning
- House Bill 4401 – FY 2003-2004 School Aid Budget

Mr. Watkins suggested that the Board send a letter to each member of the Legislature regarding House Bill 4716 and the constitutional responsibility of the Board for leadership and supervision. Dr. Moyer said the letter should include reference to all of the groups that are involved in the decision making process currently used by the Board. Mrs. Weiser said the recommendations of the Ensuring Excellent Educators Task Force were made after gathering research and public input, and should again be shared with the Legislature. Dr. Moyer said he is concerned that certification of teachers has been eliminated in some states.

Representative Moolenaar and Representative Emmons told Mrs. Curtin and Mrs. Straus that they would like to attend a State Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Watkins suggested that Mrs. Straus and he send a letter to the leaders of the House and Senate requesting a meeting, after the current session, to discuss common issues and collaboration. Mr. Watkins further suggested, that during the summer, the Board develop an agenda of legislative educational priorities.

Ms. Madigan provided an update on the K-12 Conference Committee meeting held during the morning of June 24, 2003, that discussed the 2003-2004 School Aid Bill.

Mrs. Straus and Mrs. Curtin shared copies of a memorandum they co-signed dated June 26, 2003, to the House and Senate regarding the School Aid and Department Budget bills.

Ms. Carnell left the meeting at 3:45 p.m..

This was an update only and no action was required.

XVIII. UPDATE ON NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent, provided an Update on No Child Left Behind activities.

Dr. Hughes said on June 25, 2003, letters were sent to every Michigan high school stating the school's preliminary adequate yearly progress status based on 2001-2002 test scores. He said districts have until July 14, 2003, to verify information and/or appeal their status. Dr. Hughes said Title I schools are the only schools required to implement the federal consequences associated with the No Child Left Behind Act.

Dr. Hughes said Mr. Watkins commissioned the development of a strategic plan for the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act in Michigan. Dr. Hughes said No Child Left Behind includes 45 programs. Dr. Hughes said Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer has been responsible for coordinating eight large committees comprised of Department of Education staff and school district personnel to advise the Department and Board on a strategic plan for No Child Left Behind. Dr. Hughes said the committees have worked all year, and their reports have been submitted and are being compiled by Department staff. Dr. Hughes said that in September a report on the strategic plan will be submitted to the Board, and after that time regional meetings will be held to inform the public.

This was an update only and no action was required.

XIX. CONSENT AGENDA

- L. Approval of Criteria for Qualitative Compliance Information Grant Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- M. Approval of Criteria for a Grant for Parent Support and Education Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

- N. Approval of Criteria for Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive Sub-Grant
- O. Approval of Request to Change Name of Newaygo County Intermediate School District
- P. Approval of Funding Formula for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grants

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- L. approve criteria for the Qualitative Compliance Information Grant under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as identified in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 11, 2003;**
- M. approve criteria for the Parent Support and Education Grant under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as identified in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 11, 2003;**
- N. approve criteria for Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive Sub-Grant, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 11, 2003;**
- O. approve the request of the Newaygo County Intermediate School District to change its name to Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 11, 2003; and**
- P. approve the funding formula for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 11, 2003.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Austin

The motion carried.

XX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- I. Report on Response to Allegations Regarding Imlay City Schools (This item was moved from Discussion Items to the Report of the Superintendent.)
- Q. Human Resources Report
- R. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- S. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships
- T. Report on the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- U. Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Branch Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- V. 2003-2004 Comprehensive School Reform Program – Continuation
- W. 2002-2003 State Discretionary Projects, Part B – Amendment
- X. 2003-2004 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Continuation
- Y. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment
- Z. 2003-04 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Initial
- AA. 2003-2004 Reading First – Amendment
- BB. 2002-2003 Mathematics and Science Centers – Amendment
- CC. 2003-2004 Educators on Loan for Reading First – Initial (Round 2, Year 1)
- DD. 2003-2004 Educators on Loan for Reading First – Initial (Round 1, Year 2)
- EE. 2002-2003 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants – Amendment

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of “Superintendent’s Report” dated June, 2003.

Mr. Watkins provided an oral report on the following:

A. Imlay City Schools

Mr. Watkins said staff worked with the board and administration of Imlay City Schools, in response to the comments shared by parents at the April 24, 2003, State Board of Education meeting. Mr. Watkins said a review of the materials and information provided by the district indicates that the district has been responsive and has in place the appropriate policies, procedures, and guidelines to prevent or respond to bullying and harassment in the schools.

B. Discovery Years Millage in St. Clair County

Mr. Watkins said Mr. Dan DeGrow, Superintendent of St. Clair Intermediate School District, and the citizens of St. Clair County are to be commended for millage efforts to fund the “Discovery Years” program for children from birth to age five to promote school readiness. Mr. Watkins said the millage was defeated.

C. Gates Foundation Training

Mr. Watkins said he participated in the LEADing the Future training sponsored by the Gates Foundation. Mr. Watkins said he and Mrs. Bauer learned about personal digital assistant (PDA) technology.

D. Meeting with Sam Logan

Mr. Watkins said he recently met with Mr. Sam Logan, Publisher of *The Michigan Chronicle*, to discuss an on-going, front-page column highlighting education issues.

E. Governor’s Values

Mr. Watkins said Governor Granholm, and her husband, Mr. Dan Mulhern, are committed to involving state employees in clarifying and infusing shared values into the work of state government. Dr. Moyer asked that the Board members be involved in this effort.

F. Reorganization Plan

Mr. Watkins said the plans continue for reorganization of the Michigan Department of Education to maximize the resources of the Department.

XXI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education direct the Superintendent to have staff, with assistance from the Special Education Advisory Committee, prepare a draft position paper on universal education that will include principles, statutory alignment, and vision for education of all students, including diverse learners such as those with disabilities and others who require special supports to achieve desired educational outcomes.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser
Absent: Austin**

The motion carried.

Mrs. Bauer commended staff for the development of the “Leading Change” newsletter.

Mr. Watkins commended Ms. Carol Wolenberg and Ms. Elaine Madigan for their work with the Department Budget.

Mrs. Curtin thanked Mr. Watkins for sending a letter to school districts thanking school districts for the positive things they did for students, during a difficult year.

Dr. Moyer congratulated Mr. Watkins on his evaluation and positive comments gleaned from the community.

Dr. Moyer said he and Mrs. McGuire attended the NASBE Charter Schools Study Group on June 20-21, 2003. Mrs. McGuire said many participants were surprised about how liberal the laws are in Michigan with regard to charter schools. She said states shared their problems and successes with charter schools. She said oversight is a concern in many states. Mrs. McGuire said most states have fewer than 20 charter schools, and Michigan has more than 200 charter schools.

XXII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Straus reminded the Board that Ms. Carnell suggested that instruction for special education teachers in higher education institutions be addressed.

Mrs. Weiser asked for an assessment by staff of the certification status of teachers. She also suggested that staff provide information on the capacity of teacher preparation institutions to provide the necessary training. Mr. Watkins said he will ask staff to provide a report at the July 24, 2003, meeting.

Mrs. Curtin asked that Languages of Love Teacher to Teacher be presented as a way of interacting with teachers and students at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Watkins said there will be a presentation on programs dealing with diversity issues at a future Board meeting.

Mrs. Straus said the Task Force on Educational Leadership will present at the July 24, 2003, meeting.

XXIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. July 24, 2003
- B. August 28, 2003
- C. September 25, 2003
- D. October 23, 2003 (Evert)

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary